CLAN MACPHERSON ASSOCIATION – U.S.

Nominating Committee Report

Annual General Meeting

November 8-22, 2026

Graham Gillespie, Chair

Discussion Items

We have a great need for more volunteers to help with the workings of the Branch.

- Overall summary for the coming year of 2026 is success at transitioning the Chairman's position from David J. McPherson to John Bierens. Also successful has been filling the positions of Membership Secretary and Recording Secretary after retirements by previous officers.

- Of critical importance for 2027 is filling the Regional Commissioner position for the following regions:

    - Northeast, Midwest, Gulf Coast, Southwest, Rocky Mountain, Pacific South
    - Graham Gillespie, in his role as Vice Chair of the U.S. Branch, serves as contact for members in regions without commissioners. He has begun sending appeals to the members in each of the above regions for volunteers but can use help with outreach by those more familiar with these regions.

- The Assistant Membership Secretary position is open with the retirement of Joyce Newport.

- Robert Wagner is retiring as Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioner at the end of 2026. Bob has recruited James and Debbie McCarson as the new Mid-Atlantic Reg'l. Comm.

- Bruce Sterba is retiring as Southwest Regional Commissioner at the end of 2026.

- A Council Member at Large position is open with expiration of the term of David Muxo. A volunteer has been identified. There is also one more position open and available.

- The U.S. Website Content Editor has retired. The position is open.

- A Facebook Coordinator for the U.S. Branch is needed. The CMA/U.S. Website Content Editor has been filling in, when necessary. This position could be combined with the open U.S. Website Content Editor position.

- The Junior Membership Secretary has retired and the position is open.

- The *Fettle* Editor position is open.

- The Assistant Editor of *The Urlar* position is open.

Nominating Committee Proposal for 2027: Officers, Regional Commissioners and Council Members-at-Large

The following is the proposed slate of Officers, Regional Commissioners and Council Members-at-Large for consideration for service during the 2027 calendar year. The proposal, as approved by the Council, is to be presented at the Annual General Meeting, for a vote to be affirmed by the General Membership.

(c)=continuing
(n)=new
(inc)=incumbent

Officers

• Chairman	John Bierens (inc) or Bonnie McPherson
• Treasurer	Scott McPherson (inc) or Norma Bierens
• Vice Chairman	Graham Gillespie (c)
• Recording Secretary	Laurel McPherson-Christie (c)
• Membership Secretary	Devorah McPherson (c)
• Editor of *The Urlar*	George McPherson (c)

Regional Commissioners

• Central	John M. Bierens (c)
• Gulf Coast	open
• Mid Atlantic	James McCarson (n)
• Midwest	open
• New England	Donald Platt (c)
• Northeast	open
• Pacific Central	David J. McPherson (c)
• Pacific North	Peggy Brewster (c)
• Pacific South	open
• Rocky Mountain	open
• Southeast	George McPherson (c)
• Southwest	open

Council Members-at-Large

• Council Member-at-Large	Robert Livingston (c)
• Council Member-at-Large	Charles Martin Clark (n)
• Council Member-at-Large	open

U. S. Branch Chairman to call for a vote of the CMAUS members participating in the online AGM.

Nominating Committee Proposal for 2027: Appointees

As stated in the By-Laws of the U.S. Branch of the Clan Macpherson Association, there are several positions appointed by the Council. The following is the slate of appointees approved for service during the 2027 calendar year. The proposal, as approved by the Council, is to be presented at the Annual General Meeting and read into the record.
Members of the CMAUS are encouraged to volunteer for any of the open positions and for assistance with a position of interest. Please contact the Nominating Committee chairman.

Appointed Positions

• Asst. Treasurer	Benjamin McCluney (c)
• Asst. Membership Secretary	open
• Junior Membership Secretary	open
• Publications Committee Chairman	George McPherson (c)
• Asst. Editor of *The Urlar*	open
• *Fettle* Editor	open
• Website Content Editor-US Branch	open
• Asst. Website Content Editor-US Branch	open
• Facebook Coordinator-US Branch	open
• Site Committee Chairman	Graham Gillespie (c)
• Nominating Committee Chairman	Graham Gillespie (c)

Other Items

Temporary Committees at request of Council (from 2018, 2026)

• Youth Membership Committee	Chair open 2 additional committee members open
• Investment Committee	John Bierens George McPherson Bruce Sterba Scott McPherson (Treasurer ex officio) Benjamin McCluney (Asst. Treasurer ex officio)
• Membership Database Committee	Bob Livingston David Muxo John Bierens Bonnie McPherson (Microsoft liaison) Scott McPherson (consultant)
• Fundraising Committee	open

Respectfully submitted,
Graham Gillespie
Nominating Committee Chair